

## **MEETING #7 February 16**

At a Budget Workshop Session of the Madison Board of Supervisors on February 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Thrift Road Complex Conference Room:

PRESENT: Eddie Dean, Chairman  
James L. Arrington, Vice-Chairman  
J. Dave Allen, Member  
Jerry J. Butler, Member  
Pete J. Elliott, Member  
Lisa R. Kelley, County Administrator  
Teresa Miller, Finance Director

ABSENT: V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney

Chairman, Eddie Dean called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum.

James L. Arrington re-verbalized his concern over having the Board's secretary budgeted within the County Administrator's budget department and indicated that down the road she might not receive all of the salary increases she might be entitled to if her title is "Office Assistant".

Lisa Robertson, County Administrator, noted that the County is obligated to provide similar pay for like-duties, and therefore employees' salaries are based on what individuals performing similar duties are receiving, not simply what their job title may be.

Lisa Robertson, County Administrator, and Teresa Miller, Finance Director, renewed their concerns that removing this position from the "General and Financial Administration" budget area may adversely affect the County's position in the annual Cost Allocation Study.

James L. Arrington indicated that if the County were to lose state money as a result of moving the position to the Board of Supervisors' budget category, the County could always move it back.

Pete J. Elliott stated that, while he believed he understood James L. Arrington's concerns over ensuring that the Board's secretary would be properly classified, the bottom line for the current Budget Discussions is that moving the position

in the County's budget would not save the taxpayers any money and might cost the County additional state money.

[Pete J. Elliott](#) suggested a change in title to "Secretary" instead of "Office Assistant", to which J. Dave Allen and Eddie Dean concurred (with Pete J. Elliott's analysis).

Jerry J. Butler and James L. Arrington agreed with the change of title back to "Secretary", to which Jerry J. Butler further indicated that he agreed to this so long as it is understood that the person in this position continues to serve the Board of Supervisors.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors proceeded with a review of each of the budget departments and recommended changes to anticipated expenditures as follows:

- i. The Board proceeded through various budget departments, and reduced expenditures for seminars and office supplies wherever possible.
- ii. By consensus, the Board cut \$2,000 from the Board of Supervisors' budget; \$1,000 from legal services; \$1,350 from the Treasurer's budget; \$2,000 from Emergency Communications; \$361 from Fire and Rescue; \$800 from Building & Inspections; and \$1,542 from Piedmont Workforce.
- iii. In reviewing the expenditure requests of the Sheriff, the Board reviewed the historical expenditures for various line items, as well as the year-to-date expenditures for FY2010. Mr. Butler stated that the Board needed to be very cautious in trimming the Sheriff's requested expenditures, because of anticipated increases in the cost of police supplies and fuel. The other Board members noted, however, that even anticipating rising costs in these areas, the historical expenditures and amounts left over at the end of prior years indicated that there is room to reduce the "buffer" in the Sheriff's budget. The Board members by consensus agreed that, just as with any other budget departments, if there are necessary expenditures that cannot be covered within the initial approved budget for a department, that is what the County's budgeted contingency funds are reserved for and supplemental appropriations could be made when absolutely necessary. By consensus the Board cut \$21,100 from the Sheriff's budget (approximately 10% of the amount remaining in this department at the end of FY2009).

- iv. The County Administrator noted that the Regional Jail had adopted its proposed budget for FY2011 since the date of the draft budget, and that the County's projected contribution could be revised downward by \$183,669. The County Administrator noted, however, that this remains an area where the actions of the General Assembly over the next few weeks could have a potentially significant adverse impact on the Regional Jail and if this happens, the County's funding obligation would increase. Because of this, the County Administrator suggested that the savings from this adjusted projection should be included within the budgeted contingency line item, so that it would be available if needed later in the budget.
- v. Mr. Elliott inquired about the line item(s) for uniforms in various departmental budgets, and requested for the next workshop meeting a report as to how much money overall is spent on uniforms, both purchased and those obtained through a uniform service.

With no further action being required, on motion of Jerry J. Butler, seconded by James L. Arrington, Chairman, Eddie Dean adjourned the meeting, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
J. Dave Allen	Aye
Jerry J. Butler	Aye
Pete J. Elliott	Aye

Date: March 2, 2010